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SUBJ: DANISH AMBASSADOR CALLS ON ACTING ASSISTANT

SECRETARY STABLER

1. DANISH AMBASSADOR BARTELS CALLED ON ACTING ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY STABLER JUNE 19 FOR GENERAL REVIEW FOLLOWING  
BARTELS' RETURN FROM TWO MONTH HOLIDAY IN DENMARK. BARTELS  
SAID HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTION TO REQUEST A BILATERAL  
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MEETING FOR PRIME MINISTER HARTLING AND FOREIGN MINISTER

GULDBERG WITH THE AMERICAN SIDE AT THE SUMMIT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 26 IN BRUSSELS. HIS PRIME MINISTER WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME QUOTE CONTACT UNQUOTE WITH PRESIDENT NIXON IN BRUSSELS, BUT IF THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE, HARTLING WOULD CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF THEIR RECENT MEETING AT THE POMPIDOU FUNERAL IN PARIS. HARTLING, ACCOMPANIED BY GULDBERG, WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO MEET WITH SECRETARY FOR BILATERAL MEETING TO REVIEW US-EC RELATIONS, EAST-WEST ISSUES AND THE MIDEAST. STABLER REPLIED THAT PLANNING WAS STILL IN EARLY STAGES BUT THAT HE WOULD CERTAINLY TAKE NOTE OF THE DANISH GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST.

2. TURNING TO DOMESTIC SITUATION IN DENMARK, BARTELS SAID HE HAD MET WITH HARTLING, GULDBERG AND HAD ATTENDED RECENT MEETING OF DANISH CHIEFS OF MISSION TO EC COUNTRIES. A KEY ISSUE WAS STATUS OF UK'S BID TO RENEGOTIATE TERMS OF EC MEMBERSHIP. FOR POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REASONS

THIS WAS SERIOUS MATTER FOR DENMARK. HOWEVER, CONSENSUS WAS THAT UK WAS NOW ADJUSTING MORE REALISTICALLY TO EC AND THAT PRESS REACTION HAD BEEN OVERDRAWN. HOW, HE ASKED, DID US SEE SITUATION? STABLER REPLIED THAT THIS WAS PRIMARILY MATTER BETWEEN UK AND EC. THE FORM THAT EUROPE TAKES IS FOR THE EUROPEANS TO DECIDE, EXCEPT THAT WE BELIEVE THAT WHATEVER DOES EMERGE SHOULD NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT US ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL INTERESTS. THE US HAS NOT, DESPITE PRESS COMMENTS TO THE CONTRARY, TWISTED BRITISH ARMS TO REMAIN IN THE EC. BARTELS SAID UK WITHDRAWAL WOULD HAVE CONSEQUENCES BEYOND THE ECONOMIC. STABLER AGREED, EXPLAINING THAT US HOPED TO SEE A STRONG EUROPE AS OUR PARTNER, ABLE TO CARRY OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES--NOT A EUROPE FOUNDED ON THE IDEA THAT IT MUST TAKE AN ADVERSARY APPROACH TO THE US. BARTELS SAID DENMARK CERTAINLY AGREED WITH THAT, BUT CERTAIN OF THE EC COUNTRIES HAD SAID THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE A TOTAL IDENTITY OF VIEWS BETWEEN THE US AND EUROPE. STABLER SAID THAT SECRETARY HAD RECOGNIZED THIS. WE HOPED, HOWEVER, THAT ARRANGEMENTS AGREED TO BY EC-9 FOREIGN MINISTERS AT GYMNICH WOULD IN PRACTICE PROVIDE A FRAME-CONFIDENTIAL

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WORK FOR CLOSER CONSULTATIONS.

3. BARTELS SAID HE HAD WARNED HIS GOVERNMENT NOT TO EXPECT TOO MUCH IN UPCOMING EC CONSULTATIONS WITH THE ARABS. HE HAD ADVISED THAT EC SHOULD STICK TO ECONOMIC QUESTIONS AND LEAVE POLITICAL ISSUES TO US. OBVIOUSLY, NO CLEAR-CUT DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE TWO WAS POSSIBLE, BUT HE DID NOT WANT EC TO INTERFERE IN ANY WAY WITH HOST

OF COMPLEX MIDEAST NEGOTIATIONS NOW UNDERWY.

4. BARTELS SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO ALLUDE TO QUESTION OF ARAB QUOTE RESTRICTIONS UNQUOTE ON OIL SHIPMENTS TO DENMARK, EXPLAINING IN ROUNDABOUT WAY THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD REJECTED HIS RECOMMENDATION THAT HE RAISE THE ISSUE. (DENMARK, UNLIKE HOLLAND, IS NOT ON THE EMBARGO LIST.) REASON FOR ARAB RESTRICTIONS, WHICH, IN ANY EVENT, DID NOT AFFECT DANISH OIL IMPORTS, WAS DENMARK'S ACTIVE ROLE IN UN ON MIDEAST ISSUES, FUNDAMENTAL SYMPATHY FOR ISRAEL AND BELIEF THAT US APPROACH WAS MOST SENSIBLE. IT LOOKED, SAID BARTELS, THAT SAUDI ARABIA, WHICH IS CLOSE TO US, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ARAB RESTRICTIONS. STABLER SAID THERE HAD BEEN SOME RIDICULOUS REPORTS FROM ALGIERS THAT THE US MIGHT HAVE HAD A HAND IN ARAB RESTRICTIONS ON DENMARK AND HOLLAND, BUT THIS WAS INCORRECT. IT WAS SIMPLY NOT TRUE. THE DUTCH HAD DISCUSSED PROBLEM OF ARAB OIL BOYCOTT WITH US AND WE IN TURN HAD RAISED IT WITH THE SAUDIS BUT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. WE DID NOT RAISE THE QUESTION OF RESTRICTIONS AGAINST DENMARK SINCE THE DANES HAD NOT ASKED US TO, BUT CHANCES ARE THAT WE WOULD NOT HAVE SUCCEEDED. BARTELS SAID THAT DESPITE THESE RESTRICTIONS AGAINST DENMARK, HIS GOVERNMENT, AFTER CONSIDERABLE DEBATE, HAD AGREED WITH ITS EC PARTNERS NOT TO IMPOSE ANY CONDITIONS ON OPENING TALKS WITH THE ARABS. THE DANES EXPECT THIS DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT TO EVENTUALLY DISAPPEAR.

5. TURNING TO THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION IN DENMARK, BARTELS SAID THAT HE HAD GREAT CONFIDENCE IN HARTLING AND HIS MINISTERS; THEY WERE DETERMINED TO TAKE THE UNPOPULAR MEASURES, INCLUDING HIGHER UNEMPLOYMENT, NECESSARY TO BRING INFLATION DOWN TO MANAGEABLE PROPORTIONS. CONFIDENTIAL

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TIONS AND TO DIVERT RESOURCES FROM THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TO EXPORT INDUSTRIES. THE CRUCIAL TEST FOR HARTLING WOULD COME THIS FALL. IF THE ECONOMIC PICTURE SHOULD IMPROVE, HARTLING WOULD PROBABLY BE ABLE TO USE THE THREAT OF GENERAL ELECTIONS TO GAIN SOCIAL DEMOCRAT SUPPORT FOR HIS ECONOMIC PROGRAM. THE SITUATION IN DENMARK CANNOT GO ON, SAID BARTELS, BUT IT WAS NOT AS SERIOUS AS IN ITALY OR UK. HARTLING TOLD BARTELS THAT IF THE GOVERNMENT SURVIVES THE COMING CRISIS THIS FALL, DENMARK WOULD THEN FACE THE BEGINNING OF A PERIOD OF MORE STABLE GOVERNMENT, WHICH, IN ALL MODESTY, WOULD HAVE FAVORABLE REPERCUSSIONS ELSEWHERE. BARTELS CONFIRMED THAT THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS WAS WORSENING, BUT THEY STILL HAD NO TROUBLE FINANCING IT, MAINLY BY GERMAN RESERVES THROUGH THE MECHANISM OF THE EC SNAKE.

6. BARTELS CONFIRMED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT DID NOT PLAN CUTS IN THE DEFENSE BUDGET. STABLER SAID THIS WAS VERY IMPORTANT; THE AMBASSADOR WAS ALREADY WELL VERSED ON OUR CONCERNS IN THAT AREA.

7. BARTELS ASKED IF THE USG WAS STILL AS INTERESTED AS IT HAD BEEN LAST FEBRUARY IN LOWER OIL PRICES. STABLER SAID US CONTINUED TO REGARD PRICE PROBLEM AS SERIOUS AND HOPED IT COULD BE BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL. RECENT OPEC MEETING IN QUITO HAD AT LEAST NOT RESULTED IN HIGHER PRICES. WE BELIEVED THAT AFTER THEIR INITIAL ENTHUSIASM WANES, SOME OF THE PRODUCER STATES WOULD COME TO UNDERSTAND PROBLEMS THEY WERE CREATING AND THAT THEY IN THE LONG RUN WOULD FIND IT IN THEIR INTEREST TO LOWER PRICES.

8. FURTHER DISCUSSION FOLLOWED ON CSCE, SALT, AND PRESIDENT'S MOSCOW TRIP. STABLER REPLIED ALONG LINES OF PREVIOUS GUIDANCE. UPON LEAVING, BARTELS MISUNDERSTOOD STABLER'S PARTING QUERY AS TO FURTHER VACATION PLANS AND SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT BE LEAVING, SINCE PRIME MINISTER HARTLING HAD DECIDED TO KEEP HIM IN WASHINGTON. KISSINGER

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